

We want to deny certification to a farm that, during the three years previous to its conversion, deforested primary rainforest in order to plant an organic crop. What area of the regulation covers this action?

You might not be able to deny certification based on this reason. NOP regulations contain no provisions to deny certification based on deforestation prior to the three-year conversion process. However, you should closely observe current and future environmental conditions and how this operation complies with sections 205.202 – 205.206 (particularly 205.203 (a)) under its organic system plan—section 205.201.

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